

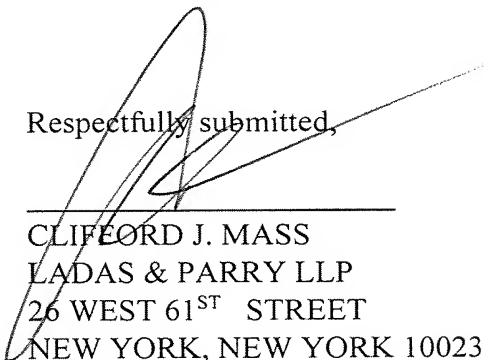
REMARKS

The Official Action of 21 August 2008 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that Claims 3-10 and 13-17 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, has been noted with appreciation. The recitations formerly in Claim 3 (now cancelled) have now been incorporated into Claim 1, and Claim 13 has now been rewritten in independent form with the recitations formerly in Claim 1. All other claims depend from the subject matter which the Examiner indicated to be allowable such that the application is now believed to be in allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

In view of the above, and since the cited art has not been applied against the subject matter in the claims as amended, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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